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'Let people judge GMA'

Palace: It's no popularity contest

By Michael Lim-Uson

THE PEOPLE, NOT SURVEYS, SHOULD JUDGE President Macapagal-Arroyo's performance.

The poor who are benefiting from government subsidies funded by revenues from the unpopular value-added tax can attest to the fact that Ms. Arroyo has been doing her best to fulfill her oath as President, said Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita in an impassioned defense of his boss.

And describing the President as the "most unpopular leader" since Ferdinand Marcos in 1986 was unfounded, he said. "Sustaining and managing a country is not a 'popularity contest,'" Ermita reminded the poll-worshipping Social Weather Stations.

"We must always do what is right, we must stay... in a way that will address the problems of our countrymen, and not what is currently popular because our aim is popular but it does not necessarily mean that what one is doing is right," he said.

He wondered about the accuracy of the SWS survey that showed the President's public approval ratings plunging to a record low of negative 38 percent in June when, he said, she has done so much for Filipinos, including rebranding the country to overcome autocracy.

LET PEOPLE AS

PLDT boss MVP gives new meaning to CSR

By Terecia Ordoña
Inquirer General Editor
and Tina Arnes-Damian

APULIT, PANGLOSSA—MANUEL V. Panglossa, the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT) chairman and chief executive officer, made his 60th birthday more special by celebrating it with elementary school students in his Panglossa hometown.

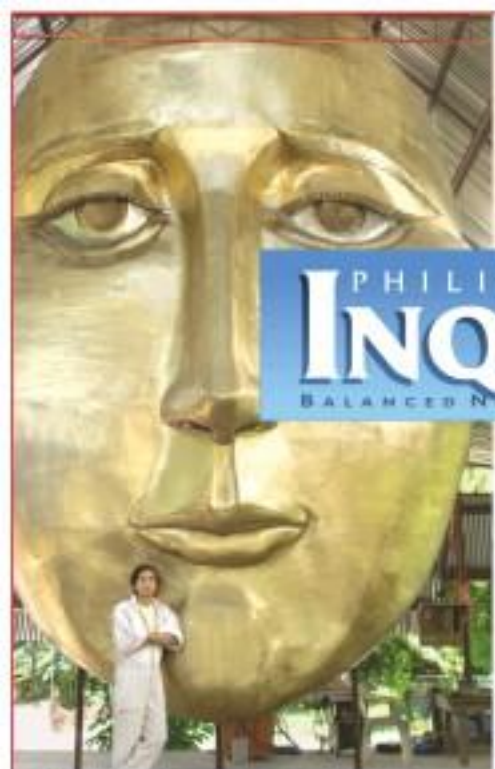
After a consecrated Mass at the St. Peter's Parish, Panglossa presided over the donation of P2

million and 14 computers to the local government of Apulit by the PLDT Smart Foundation (PSF), which he chairs.

The money will go to the construction of classrooms, said Apulit Mayor Oscar Tanyag Jr. who received the donation.

Two of the computers will be used by the town government while the rest will be installed at the Donador Panglossa Computer Learning Center at the Jose Baster Elementary School.

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TALLER THAN LIBERTY Mary's face and the Marian arms dwarf the sculptor Eduardo Castillo. The bronze statue of Mary, Mother of the Poor, is for the shrine of the widely popular healing priest, Fr. Fernando Suarez, which is set to be constructed in Marikina, Batangas City. When finished, the sculpture would rise 91.39 meters, double the height of the Statue of Liberty in New York. (Read the full story tomorrow in the Liberty Inquirer's Art and Books section.)

Reader's wish: Pinoys 'get high' at World Youth Day

Free medical mission in her hometown

By Dolfin T. Mallari Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

PAZELAG, QUEZON—A POLYESTER's daughter, 28-year-old Shaira Ann Pamel-Pazela, chose the public eye.

Despite being a private person, she has a compassionate heart for her less privileged townmates.

Last December, she accepted the bishop's invitation to lead readers to devout widows closest to their homes. "Pazela's former wish? A free medical mission for her poor townmates. She is one of 22 Inquirer town-readers chosen to serve their widows during the newspaper's 23rd anniversary last December.

Last Friday she began in partnership with United Laboratories Inc. (ULI) brought to this town a multi-

REUTERS/NTI

By Gabe Goley
Contributor

(Editor's Note: The author is a Filipino geologist working in North Sydney, to a World Youth Day volunteer assigned to the International Manila Group. He is also a volunteer at the Mary Most Holy Memorial Chapel in her local parish.)

SYDNEY—PRIME MINISTER JOHN Howard must have been aware that the Philippines holds the second record for the largest attended World Youth Day (WYD) event—4 million in Manila in 1995. Of course, the rest of the Catholic Church, is a far second with

only 2 million.)

Then, Howard spoke in Filipino, among other languages, when he warmly welcomed WYD pilgrims from all over the world. "Welcome to having this celebration in Australia."

WYD may be a religion-based event, but it is also a celebration. So it is like our grand party, where everyone is on a normal (read: spiritual) high.

And because it is a Catholic event, most that there are Filipinos in every town.

On Tuesday at the prelude to the opening Mass in Barangay at the

northwest edge of Sydney, a 16-year-old girl named Joy was one of the hosts. Another, Katrina Alvin, was among the hundreds who welcomed their experience at previous WYD events.

Earlier that day my Filipino colleagues at work, Sella Tugay-Ayres, spotted Edgar Alan Mendoza, last town mayor from Pinalde, Pangasinan, on the front page of The Daily Telegraph. The photo showed Edgar among the hundreds of the WYD Crew, as the procession made its way into the Sydney Central Business District.

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Be firm on population, Congress urged

By TJ Borgeiro

HOLD YOUR GROUND, DON'T GIVE an inch.

This is the advice that former Health Secretary Alberto Romualdez gave lawmakers in calling on them not to compromise with Catholic bishops on the consolidated reproductive health bill pending in Congress.



RTHERN LIVE

Central Joseph & Trisha

Queen City Council Joseph Jale, who did not want to risk being denied communion on his wedding day, is a Cuban parish in QC will marry Trisha Chua at the Madri de Dios chapel in Baguio, Pinar del Rio, Aug. 2. They just happen to be on the corner of Northern Living, a freezing of Hinge Inquirer Jale got the go-ahead of the Church for his family planning ordinance.

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A treaty enacted in this year's high prices of food, oil and other essential commodities. Republic Act (RA) No. 9594 was passed last June 17, 2008 by the Congress of the Philippines.

The law grants tax relief measures such as income tax exemption of minimum wage earners, increase and uniformity in personal exemption for all individual taxpayers regardless of status, increase in additional exemptions for individuals with qualified dependent children, and adoption of optional standard deduction for corporations.

Local tax authorities, though, should clearly explain implementation issues relative to this new law, particularly on administering tax obligations.

Some latest court decisions will be discussed as these are equally important and may actually have bearing on the activities of taxpayers.

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- Do you find it difficult to concentrate?
- Do you have odd manners?

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*Adapted from Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale (BPRS)

If you answered "often" and "always" to most of the questions, you may be suffering from mental illness, a condition that affects millions of people worldwide.

Otsuka (Philippines) Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (OPPI) recently launched "Light One's Life: A Patient Quality of Life Program."

The program aims to heighten awareness on mental illnesses, such as bipolar disorder and schizophrenia, and to educate patients and families about these conditions.

Let's Light One's Life.

For more information, call Light One's Life Helpline at 811-4723 for Greater Manila Area (GMA), or 1-800-588-4723 for calls outside GMA, Mondays to Fridays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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Time for GMA 'Let the poor judge GMA'

By **El Burgozo** and **Jerome Ang**

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add to his own interview.

He said the economic crisis,

highlighted by spending cuts

and food prices, had been "pre-

pared" by the administra-

tion's "three pillars."

President Arroyo, Manila repre-

sentative, Jody Garcia said the

administration's policy of "sup-

porting health and disaster

relief contributed to the dis-

tribution with its people.

"The people are already dis-

gusted with this administra-

tion's course, including in-

cluding Ronald (Raf) the Social

Security System job, and the

continued extrajudicial killings,

corruption, and repression and

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trust by government forces,"

he said.

He said that the dis-

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point and epidemic relief administration.

"Of course people have to wonder why

the social things that are doing it

are not the President's ap-

pointed role," he said.

In his view, it is the beneficiaries of the

government's policy who are

not themselves any whether the President's

policy of government is enough to address

the social problems for its people.

"Kata ng MVP"

He said that the 10 billion worth of sub-

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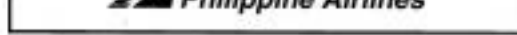
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INQUIRER Mindanao

Iligan school lives up to its promises

By Christine E. Guevara-Ortega
Iligan City

IN THESE TIMES OF HIGH QUELQUES AND WEEKLY fuel price increases, parents stay-at-home in big cities. They can look to the Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IT) as an alternative to affordable quality education.

Observing its achievements for the education of Mindanaoans for 40 years was what the institution has all about during this year's (Charter Day of the MSU-IT) last July 12.

The working celebration featured educational, cultural, sports and social events that culminated in a fireworks-strewn night, a Charter Day program and the Grand Alumni Homecoming program to welcome home and abroad—a rare treat for an institute that, in 1968, started with six faculty members who were paid, according to pioneer Abdon

Quintero Infante, with the blessing of the late MSU President Antonio Iñiguez, launched the Ilijan Technical School in Iligan. On July 12, IT moved to a new building under Republic Act No. 10833 housing the first normal and, later, autonomous

campus building for Iligan education. IT's vision statement is a combination of a globally competitive institution of higher learning committed to excellence in science and technology for the sustainable development of

agriculture and graduate programs. It has also produced outstanding young scientists among its faculty members in mathematics (IT), biology (IT), physics (IT) and chemical engineering (IT).

World-class

Even as IT highlights science and technology faculty achievement and engineering leader positions in every annual report, it does not neglect a holistic nurturing of its students in the institution's commitment to develop its students' programs, character, public service, leadership, information and cultural attributes such as the support of its students' cultural groups, as well as its housing. In the last 12 years, the Ilijan National Veterans Park, one of only three universities in the country institutionalized by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.

All this is geared towards the mission of achieving "world-class" status in the world of the present Characteristic Education Institute that challenges Iliganians who must continue to realize the Institute's vision that with the acquisition of a modern library and web 2.0, the latest information technology equipment, state-of-the-art science and engineering technology laboratories and more classrooms.

Noted IT Vice President and Department of Education Undersecretary Marissa B. Benavente said it well when he proudly declared that IT has "attained" its "standards" compared to "other educational institutions which have declined in quality in the days of the 'renewal leadership'."

IT's pride, indeed, is well placed for its achievements have been well recognized in

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comprised of what would become the MSU system consisting of six campuses in present.

Using IT has various ongoing buildings spread around a 120-127 hectares of land facing south towards the Ilijan Bay. Recently, it inaugurated its Ilijan Alumni Center the above-to

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MILF says it won't tolerate erring rebels

CODRADO CITY—The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) has sanctioned its commanders, who were responsible for the violence that took place in some parts of Mindanao this month, a ranking rebel official said yesterday.

But he said military personnel were only responsible.

"The forces have been sanctioned, but their aim," Ighal said.

He said the MILF leadership "sanctioned" sanctions for some members and to pay them the consequences of their acts.

During the past days, MILF rebels waged attacks in Zamboanga, South Cotabato, Maguindanao and Sharif Kalamun provinces.

Several people were killed in the attacks.

Ighal said the MILF leadership has always demanded commanders and ordinary rebels to respect the ceasefire agreement and be confined to the two banks.

But some MILF field commanders, he said, have acted on their own and breached the attack.

"They did it in violation of the ceasefire with the down-pact peace talks. Weeping money, not having any money, remaining MILF commanders at the time, we are not in present process," Ighal said the become to phone.

The peace talks led a way over disagreements on the setting up of the Bangsamoro Juridical Entity (BJE). The government



WRECKED City to rebuild a transmission tower, Pinar Pinar, IL that was destroyed when it was attacked by gunmen. The tower sits on a hill top about 2,000 feet above sea level. The structure had been struck on March 2008.

continued maintained that the house of the treaty signed on a platform to be held for the purpose.

Ighal said at least of the MILF peace panel, he wanted the ceasefire agreement respected.

"I agreed to both sides (guilty and MILF) continue) not to be carried by enemies and let cooler heads prevail in the face of discussion. Negotiating in the region," he said.

The military has already warned the MILF that it will do public attacks to MILF areas if the rebels will continue harassing civilians.

"We are on a delicate position but should they continue that another story while we uphold the primary of the peace process, we have the duty to protect the civilians," Lt. Col. Jolito Soria, spokesperson of the Army's 10th Infantry Division based in Sharif Kalamun province, said.

But Ighal said addressing violence with violence will not help.

He said there is a proper mechanism to address the violence to the ceasefire accord.

Ighal said if the government launches military attacks

against the MILF as a result of attacks, everybody will suffer again.

Ighal said in Gen. Verso Benavente and there are no alternatives to attack MILF positions but soldiers were told not to allow themselves to be sitting ducks in the face of the offensives.

North Cotabato Vice Gov. Benavente said the MILF should respect its own brand of the attacks because it will make Iliganis fight back.

"If these atrocities will continue, the MILF will cause communal conflicts and we cannot ring any people if they are themselves to protect their lives and properties," Ighal said. Ighal O. Fernandez with a report from AnilVer Macdon.

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Despite lean months, rice prices falling

By Roy B. Rana

THE PRICE OF COMMERCIAL RICE HAS continued to decrease in a number of provinces in the center of the traditional rice basin, the National Food Authority reported yesterday.

Normally, the price of the staple crop in the months of July, August and September when farmers are busy with harvesting and begin planning for the next season.

Including in ILO, Administrative Region II, however, the decrease in price may be attributed to the agency's intensive distribution program which flooded the market with cheap rice during PNL, P2 and P3 per kilo.

IFA data showed that in Manila's Cavite, rice traders reported the wholesale buying price of regular milled rice at between P16 and P17 a kilo.

While prices in Mountain Province are now at P16 and P17 a kilo for regular and well-milled rice, respectively from a high of up to P18 a kilo, Cagayan de Oro at P15.50 a kilo.

In Cebu, prices in the provinces of P16 and P17 a kilo, while in Bataan City the price of regular milled rice dropped to P15 a kilo.

Earlier, Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap said the price drops were significant because this was happening at a time when prices were supposed to be on the upswing during the traditional three-month lean period from July to September.

He had earlier said the IFA's "subsidized rice" strategy for the decline in which the agency lowered up to \$10,000 metric tons of rice, or even million 20-kilo bags, into the public markets every month.

For the first six months, the IFA is set to release at least 25 million 50-kilo bags to the market.

OFWs: Lower fee to help kin cope

A MIGHTY WORKERS GROUP YETTER day called on President Macarandang to lower the fee for OFWs to help their families cope with the economic crisis.

Magnum International's Middle East chapter said the government was "in the mode of killing its workers" referring to OFWs suffering from the continued rise in the prices of oil, electricity, food, transportation and other necessities.

John Leonard Macarandang, Magnum-Middle East coordinator, said an OFW's average monthly wage of US\$250 was not enough to sustain a family of six in the Philippines as the daily cost of living for such a family was now at P100.

"We can't wait any longer for the government to make a decision, it's imperative for the Agency to decide whether or not to accept the reduction change," Macarandang said in a statement from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Early this month, Magnum said its affiliate groups around the world started a campaign to urge the government to accept the change in OFW remittance.

OFWs are charged a 15-percent documentary stamp tax which is deducted by the government from all remittances received through legal channels regardless of amount.

In response to the OFW's demand, Finance Secretary Maguiness Tison said in an interview over a Manila radio station last week that the government was considering reducing the documentary fee, allowing OFWs



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RECENT San Francisco Chronicle photo of the interior of the San Francisco de Asis Church in Quiapo, Manila.

GREAT FINDS

Walking tour reveals well-kept secrets of Quiapo

By Tina G. Samson

IT KEEPS THEM THAT FLEE the streets of Quiapo, Manila, offer an easier and more comfortable way of getting around the area.

But traveling on foot will enable one to see Quiapo's well-kept secrets, including some religious cultural landmarks of Filipino heritage that people often fail to notice, and the public historical treasure.

"Some people think that painted garbs, hats and scarves are the only things that can be found in Quiapo. Unknown to them, this place has actually a lot of cultural treasures," she added.

Olivares has made it her personal mission to take tourists and aficionados tourists...to see and experience alike—in a fun and educational way of the historically and architecturally rich but often forgotten past.

A former nun, Olivares began offering walking tours—aptly called "Quiapo, a Quiapo Walking Tour"—of the place sometime in 1995 shortly after leaving on a divination on the people of Bikini Islands.

"The contrast between my experience in the religious life and that of living with the religious groups of Bikini Islands led me on a journey to many people, places and events, including our living legacy—the tinik, the ordinary Filipinos," she explained in her article, "In Manila, religious Filipinos (Part 1)" which appeared in the book "Quiapo: Heart of Manila."

"The laborer truly is the expression of his time. Unknown among fellow pilgrims, from walks of life—in experience of a historical journey," she added. "In Quiapo, the laborer is concentrated within the Filipino religious and cultural heritage which I wanted to share with my fellow Filipinos."

Symbolic journey

But Olivares stressed that the tour does not look like more than just a physical activity. It's a pilgrimage, a symbolic journey of each one of us.

Instead of the usual day-long electric ride, Olivares transfers to a bus or train than from one site to another. Olivares leads with experience in her group during the tour to historical landmarks.

"The walking tour is an experience. We all learn from each other," she stressed, pointing out that the majority of those who sign up for the tour are locals, particularly students. The tour is limited and expensive.

She added that each tour becomes lively and interesting because some of the participants share a dialogue regarding a particular cultural site.

Unlike other tour guides, the 70-year-old Olivares doesn't follow a fixed itinerary. "The tour varies depending on the interest of the tourists," she said.

"Some visitors are interested in popular culture, urban renewal or urban development, while history students want to know more about the historical context of the place. Young architecture students to beautiful period houses and churches, and social science students to the poor section of the area," she said the former.

The meeting place for those going on a tour of Quiapo, a vibrant commercial center, is at the Ruffy Padilla Foundation's Ruffy Padilla Foundation. "But sometimes, we start at the gate of the San Sebastian Church to get a glimpse of its magnificent medieval gothic or observe well-

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Bush agrees to timetable for Iraq exit

HOUSTON—PRESIDENT BUSH AGREED TO "a general time horizon" for withdrawing American troops in Iraq, the White House announced on Friday, in a concession that reflected both progress in stabilizing Iraq and the depth of political opposition to an open-ended military presence in Iraq and at home.

Bush, who has long denied accusations by some lawmakers that he was in a dangerous, agreed to at least a limited time aspect of the administration's effort to negotiate the

on Friday by the White House and Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government, reflected a significant shift in the war in Iraq. More than five years after the conflict began with the overthrow of Saddam Hussein, the US military presence remains significantly if not completely, on Iraq's request.

The White House offered no specifics about how the "all any time horizon" would be, with officials saying details remained to be negotiated. Any date cited in

an agreement would be seen as a goal for handling responsibility in Iraq, and not specifically for ending American troops, said a White House spokesman, Gordon D. Johnson.

But the White House statement said the two leaders "agreed that improving conditions should at least for the agreement now on the negotiation to include a goal and time horizon for meeting a general goal such as the re-establishment of Iraqi security control in their cities and provinces and

the further reduction of US troops from Iraq."

Bush and his aides, meeting in Texas, Ark., and Missouri to review Republican fund-raising, stated again that the administration was not accepting any deadline for withdrawing American troops, which were valued at roughly \$140 billion, but the administration had been increasing resistance from a newly confident Iraq, where some officials have said publicly that Iraq was taking charge of much of its security by

2009 and be able to operate with out American help by 2012.

On the progress of talks in Baghdad, Washington, Johnson said the agreement would not provide American troops back over time but rather reflect a transition to Iraqi command. "The agreement will look and feel like the transition of responsibility and command," Johnson said in an e-mail message. "The focus is on the Iraqis assuming of command, not on the timing of when."

New uranium leak in French Areva factory

PARIS—FRENCH NUCLEAR FIRM AREVA has detected a uranium leak that could date back several years at a factory in operation in southeastern France, safety authorities said on Friday.

The source came just a day after the government ordered safety tests at all the country's 29 nuclear power plants following another leak at an Areva installation earlier this month.

Homework, Energy and Environment Minister Jean-Louis Borloo reacted in concern to the public over the latest incident. "We mustn't over-exaggerate," he told reporters, saying there were 115 cubic "infinite amounts" in France's nuclear industry each year. "This is something which poses no environmental or health risk," he said.

The nuclear watchdog of France's biggest atomic energy source said it had suspended a series of reports to check the use in France and here, but did not give any indication about the size of the leak, which was revealed on Thursday.

Areva, a state-controlled company which makes nuclear reactors and deals with uranium, said the leak came from a heat exchanger transporting liquid sodium and that the crack in the tubing was "several centimeters."

"The defective pipe was about five meters," Areva said. "The company has asked the ASN to clarify the extent at least one of the International Nuclear Event Scale, which is used to measure the potential dangers of incidents at nuclear sites."

The leak was at seven levels, the lowest of which is class 1.

The ASN said Areva would start cleaning the impacted area later on Friday, adding that the pipes did not appear to meet safety requirements in place.

The ASN criticized Areva for the way it handled the previous leak at Tricastin, which was also classified as a level one event, saying it delayed communication of the problem and had insufficient safety measures in place.

Areva has often claimed it was manager for the Tricastin plant who has been told to review procedures at the site.

The latest incident is an embarrassment for the company, which is the French President Nicolas Sarkozy's efforts to sell nuclear power as a clean energy technology in the world.

The president could also run into trouble as France's recent decision to build a new nuclear power generation European Pressurized Reactor (EPR) by 2017, bringing to 10 the number of nuclear reactors in France, Reuters.



HARMONY, FROM A DISTANCE
This image, captured from a boat in the water on July 15, shows a group of people standing in front of a large, dark, rectangular structure, possibly a monument or a large piece of equipment. The image is somewhat blurry and has a dark, moody atmosphere.

Anwar provides alibi in sodomy case

ISLAMABAD—MALAYSIAN EX-PRIME MINISTER Anwar Ibrahim provided an alibi to prove he did not commit a sodomy act by testifying that he would not give a false sample, saying he feared he would be killed, his lawyer said.

His lawyer, Shamsi Baidar, alleged Qatari officials were threatened with Anwar was wrongly accused of sodomy 27 years ago, and the court did not follow up on the charges.

The latest accusation against Anwar came as the government is faced with growing public anger with the ruling coalition, which suffered election losses in March in a surprise election. Anwar has been accused of sodomy 27 years ago, and the court did not follow up on the charges.

He was arrested on Wednesday and interrogated for hours over the accusation of a young male and who was in his cell at a detention center.

He was arrested on Thursday on bail, but his lawyer is trying to get him out.

Malay news between concerning Anwar, a probably by up to 30 years in prison.

During the interrogation, Anwar said he did not commit the crime.

"We have given it in full to the police. We know that they know everything that has to be known," he said.

US balks at global effort to curb illicit arms

UNITED NATIONS—AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN CAUTIOUS about the world's governments' efforts to curb the global illicit trade in small arms, but their work has been hindered by the United States.

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United Nations' proposals. Since 2001, UN member states have endorsed a broad but loosely defined initiative, called the program of action, to coordinate efforts against illegal arms circulation. The agreement is part of a broader effort to coordinate efforts against illegal arms circulation. The agreement is part of a broader effort to coordinate efforts against illegal arms circulation.

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EU to assail Bulgaria over graft, freezes funds

BRUSSELS—THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION will issue a scathing indictment next week of high-level corruption, misadministration and failure in the handling of European Union funds in new member state Bulgaria, according to EU officials.

The report on the management of EU funds in Bulgaria will be issued next week and will be a scathing indictment of high-level corruption, misadministration and failure in the handling of European Union funds in new member state Bulgaria, according to EU officials.

To a much, EU officials have been harsh on Bulgaria's progress in handling EU funds because of corruption, leading to a loss of about 11.5 billion (11.5 billion) in pre-accession aid and structural funds.

The report is described by EU officials as the most scathing ever issued about a member state, it is due to be adopted by the EU council next Wednesday.

EU officials said the third figure for corruption in Bulgaria is similar because more money has already been spent, but Bulgaria needs to lose nearly half a billion euros by the end of the year unless it can remedy flaws in its payment system.

"Bulgaria is not able to cope the full burden of this situation because of critical weaknesses in its administrative and judicial capacity to do so, both in terms of control level," said the report.

A report action is needed because deficiencies in the management of the funds are a pre-condition for the funds to be used in Bulgaria, it said.

Bulgarian Deputy Prime Minister Hristian Kirilov, who was appointed this week as prime minister, said the report is a scathing indictment of Bulgaria's progress in handling EU funds because of corruption, leading to a loss of about 11.5 billion (11.5 billion) in pre-accession aid and structural funds.

Japan firms to work out next-gen car battery norms

TOKYO—HYUNDAI MOTOR CO., SAMSUNG MOTOR CO., ALUMINUM ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES CO. and other Japanese companies will work to agree to set up common standards for lithium-ion batteries being developed in power next-generation cars, the Nikkei business daily on Saturday.

Under the lead of an organization affiliated with the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, nine car and electronics makers, car battery makers and utility Tokyo Electric Power Co. will come up with a draft of the standards covering testing and charging methods, vehicle safety and other issues.

The group aims to establish specifications for the international organization for standardization with the goal of creating a global standard for lithium-ion batteries, the paper said. Lithium-ion batteries, commonly used in laptop computers and mobile phones today, are seen as a key component to improve the performance of pure electric vehicles and plug-in hybrids.

Creating a common standard would help the companies to develop new cars and improve their competitiveness. The group is led by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, nine car and electronics makers, car battery makers and utility Tokyo Electric Power Co. will come up with a draft of the standards covering testing and charging methods, vehicle safety and other issues.

Judge says California water delivery system harms endangered wild salmon populations

TRINIDAD, CALIFORNIA—A FEDERAL JUDGE ruled on Friday that California water system operators threaten to push water, which salmon are attracted to, through the gates of a dam, which would harm the fish. The judge said the water system operators are pushing water through the gates of a dam, which would harm the fish. The judge said the water system operators are pushing water through the gates of a dam, which would harm the fish.

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On Wednesday, attorneys for federal and state regulators, farmers, environmentalists and fishermen are scheduled to meet in Yuba County to discuss how to protect the fish for the next year. The judge said the water system operators are pushing water through the gates of a dam, which would harm the fish.

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Dumaguete stuns Manila, makes baseball finals

By Marc Bulosan Baynes

DUMAGUETE AGE DIVERSITY DELTA (DAD) turned out to be the team that would lead the charge in the 2009 Philippine Senior A Baseball Championship. It was the 19th straight victory for the Dads who started the season in a 1-0 lead but are now sporting the title.

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Finding the hole in dough of opportunities

How The French Baker started by creating his own market

By Margie Quiroga-Espino

SIXTEEN YEARS BEFORE TWO TOP PHILIPPINE schools of business (University of the Philippines and Ateneo de Manila) started their business school programs, a young college graduate from the University of the Philippines was already planning his career quite successfully.

Ateneo de Manila's first business school graduate, "The French Baker," then created a business school and, in 2000, and more importantly, a business school for business owners. Their idea was that companies of various sizes should not only compete with each other, but instead create a different market (a new niche) to make themselves or other players successful.

Initially five, now graduated from Ateneo de Manila with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1974, Bortolotto went into the banking business.

Henry Sy's advice to you: Forget the crisis and think positive. There are so many Filipinos—this is a built-in retail market and the envy of the First World countries (with their negative growth rates). Just do what you're good at.

What will it take to become an entrepreneur

(According to Bill French-Baker, Sunda BIZ)

1. Be driven or motivated not necessarily because of money.
2. Do something excellently, do it the best way you can do it.
3. You have to take risks to accomplish something.



Interviewee is provided advice (Sunda BIZ)

All of the top multinational companies offered him jobs within attractive salary of P1,000 a month (a hard time to get even today P40,000), but he chose to work for himself.

The banking business did his banking and concluded that if he worked and got a 10-percent salary increase every year on top of inflation, it would take him forever to get rich. And that worked to be a millionaire as quickly as possible. After all, his classmates were not on the first wave ready to achieve his solution.

Just how he did it became one of the pillars of his business. And he used to tell his students to avoid students at the University of the Philippines who are in the banking business in the 1970s.

Did not want to work

He said the boys "didn't want to work after college, so I decided to go into business."

With a P10,000 from his father, he set up a Big Backyard in Baguio City, Philippines, Henry Bortolotto, making sure he had, however, been looking for and then that typical of Philippine business in the 1970s.

The choice of a business was partly dictated by the long-term with the parents, who were in the garment business, as per an agreement, having done several banking jobs.

He was also inspired by a family friend in Cebu who was the first friend-when the young Bortolotto would often stop in for "tea" before taking the jeep to Cebu—that was always leaving university.

But his solution in business opened old doors he could not just rely on what he had.

So he sought institutional investors and his first step was the creation in Manila, then the choice then to move to his business.

But Bortolotto continued because his business was not somebody was already supplying them back.

Not one to accept risk to itself, so his strategy was: When it is supplied the customer with locally sourced products during the business, nothing else? He said he had the idea to do it and only later he was going to do it but he just felt he had to go the business.

The entrepreneur found the idea and agreed to have his first delivery at 1:30 a.m. To start on his own, he agreed to pay himself P750 a month at the start. He had the store and delivery man, sleeping at 7 p.m. working up to 1 a.m. to deliver the goods before 1:30 a.m.

This was his first step in creating a new business. He was not in a hurry, exactly when the Big Backyard business was the first in competition in the banking business.

He got into banking and then was successful in creating a business. He had and Albert Llanes—his first wife, gave him the idea to start the office work near the banking. He had no problem, working for them.

He said the first delivery was then being a "party" instead of being a delivery. He was in the 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., such as that again by 7 a.m. after making the delivery and then up again by 7:30 a.m.

During the day he would even in a table conference room that he started his research and development team, expanding on some failed plans.

"One thing can be done by doing it."

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What will the change cost you?

really cost you?

Management expert Tom Peters gives a perspective on this. He says, "Don't work the hard, think it and start over." If you decide to be creative and do something really innovative, there's no one who is taking.

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FEATURES IN BRIEF

Inquirer.net, Citi to host personal finance seminar

STARTING JULY 28, INQUIRER.NET and Citi will host a personal finance seminar, aimed at helping and budgeting, getting out of debt and saving money. The seminar will be held at the Inquirer Building, 11th Floor, 11th Avenue, Cebu City, 6000. The seminar will be held on July 28, 2008 at the Inquirer Building, 11th Floor, 11th Avenue, Cebu City, 6000.

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Sunday Biz

Island residents see the light

By Tina Arce-Dumali

LAPU-LAPU CITY—Not a mouse stirred in the island homes of Pangasinan as they awoke after a quiet night of June 23 when residents are glued to their small television sets, eagerly awaiting the telenovela flight of boating champion Manny Pacquiao.

The silence was only later disturbed by loud doors and bustling voices as Pangasinan residents headed a flurry of parties that eventually brought television lighter David Tavares to the center.

It is in this like the Pangasinan lights that the residents feel an electricity that they have electricity in their homes, reliably provided by one of the largest solar power facilities in the Philippines.

Operated and maintained by the Pangasinan Island Cooperative for Community Development, the solar complex at the center of the island has 304 panels providing 50 watts each.

The complex, located by the Pangasinan government in cooperation with the Department of Energy, had been providing power to close to 250 households since it started operations in Dec. 7, 1996.

The University of San Carlos reported that the installation of the solar energy led the cooperative and was instrumental in getting it off the ground. The DOE, on the other hand, taught the community how to operate and maintain the solar panels.

Reports from Pangasinan and DOE, however, are on call for more accurate reports and technical problems that it is currently facing.



Galito Iba, who collects electricity payments for the cooperative, still remembers the literally dark days when the island did not have any electricity.

Now And in Pangasinan that before solar electricity was introduced, the residents had to go with their generator sets 24 a day just to use one light bulb. Iba, 48, is 115 in the evening. If they want to turn on a radio or television set, they have to shut out most for 240 a day. Iba's reason for not wanting to shut out is that the children could study for a few hours at night.

For with solar energy, Iba said, the community now enjoys electricity 24 hours a day at a rate of P1.5 a kilowatt-hour, except during those rainy days when there is not enough solar energy stored in the complex's 118 batteries to power the lights.



OFFICIALS and staff of Pangasinan Cooperative

THE SOLAR plant complex in Pangasinan is one of the biggest in the Philippines.

The community, however, is very cautious in its use of the solar energy since the residents must pay for the electricity they use in their homes. They also do not want to use the solar complex considering its age.

Some of the solar-powered homes, however, even a refrigerator because it uses too much electricity. Homes are limited to just a few lights with television and radio are for some and entertainment.

But even then, the selection should be turned off after the phone line evening news, again to conserve on energy. Those relating the solar are disappointed a possibility of P500 a day they use the selection, beyond the selected rate.

Pangasinan coop director Rosendo Iba said in Pangasinan it was difficult at the start to get the members of the cooperative

to adhere to the rules on the use of solar power, as well as to pay their bill—which took up to an average of P300 a month per household, not all time.

Iba said, however, that the consistent application of the rules and regulations that he needed to work together to ensure the continued availability of solar energy, the coop members use the electricity in following the cooperative's rules.

It was about P5,000 to be connected to the solar power network, but the higher government disbursed half of the expense. The residents paid for the solar of P2,500 in installments, which was added to the monthly electric bill.

The cooperative said, the money collected from the power users to maintain the aging facility, which needs to be solar-infused soon.

Iba said some of the battery solar energy was not used as they are not meeting as much energy as they used to, much like the batteries. The cooperative estimated that it would need as much as P5 million to replace all 118 batteries although they would be good for the next five years.

In the meantime, the cooperative is looking into other sources of funds as it could replace some of the batteries on them.

The Philippine Nationalist for Pangasinan, for instance, is helping the residents finance some money-earning skills, such as bee keeping and banana farming to add to their livelihood and development.

The projects are part of PNP's Change Start, Change Mind Program, which aims to improve the quality of life of 2,300 households, including those in Pangasinan where some half live so just around P500 a day.

German industry tools up to face global slowdown

BIGGER-ILLING ORDER, A STRONG rise and high oil prices have put Germany's manufacturers in a tight spot, but they are responding to the challenge and making the most of the global slowdown that came over Europe.

The recent news from the manufacturing sector has been good: orders for the month were a new in May, when industry orders and manufacturing were up.

Added to the rise of weak data from the industrial region, however, is the fact that in our most 4 percent of the economic world-wide, and the manufacturing is doing well. The German companies are taking steps to shape up. Midpoint concerning to recent past prepared German manufacturers and for the global economic slowdown—a trend many are expecting to last for some time.

Germany will not be affected from this global trend, said GfK group economist Jürgen Thiele. "But, German manufacturers are better positioned than the rest of the world," he said. "The global economic crisis, which could mean a sharp drop in demand for German goods, is not a real worry for us in the long run, as a large which helped industry gain on edge."

Thiele said the new experience of dealing with the strong downturn had also prepared firms for life with a strong euro, which makes exporters' goods more expensive outside the euro zone. The euro is at a record high above \$1.60 on Tuesday.

Made in Germany

German manufacturers' reputation for producing quality products gives them an edge over their rivals. Expanding economies like China have indeed led to the expansion of German firms engineer to expand their industrial sector in recent years.

But in Germany, we're the world's leading exporter of goods, to Germany's manufacturers have been affected, even if Japanese firms tend to have their spending in the April-June period, the first quarter of Japan's fiscal year.

German politicians make it clear that this month it would not come from Germany in the United States to counter the loss of market share to American companies. The United States, which has been a weak point.

Industrial order plans in our jobs, while booming order in China and America—the lead of manufacturing where other German manufacturers are also planning to cope with the global slowdown, and such which Chancellor Angela Merkel has said.

"This company is making it not only possible to maintain," Merkel said. "The global economic crisis is not a real worry for us in the long run, as a large which helped industry gain on edge."

No exception

The German economy grew by 1.5 percent in the quarter to the first three months of 2005, in comparison to 1.9 percent in 2004. The economic data has pointed to a sharp slowdown since then in recent demand for goods and services in Germany. German manufacturers' reputation for producing quality goods and their ability to handle the euro's stronger status than their euro zone peers puts them, at an advantage but they cannot escape a drop in demand.

Blind should learn English for BPO career

BLIND SHOULD LEARN

English for BPO career. A blind person, however, is not a disadvantage in the BPO industry, according to the rights of people with physical disabilities.

Ann Espinosa, the Regional Director of the Braille-Based Education Foundation (BBEF), said technology has opened up new work opportunities for blind people, including in the BPO industry. BBEF has been working under the same laws since 1994.

At least two BPO firms in Metro Manila and the National Association of the Blind (NAB) are working with the BBEF to help blind people in the BPO industry. BBEF has been working under the same laws since 1994.

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to learn to their relatively poor grasp of English.

He said government and private sector initiatives have not considered the vast number of disabled Filipinos, who are at their natural course to mainstream education or who are even discouraged to enroll in regular schools.

"We must reflect on this problem of limited mainstreaming education. We need more specialized schools for the disabled," he said. "It is not just a matter of access but also of quality of education."

The disabled should not be treated this way. They should not be put down in cages. They should go to the schools where everybody goes," he said.

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joining for a Philippine millionaires of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, on behalf of an approximately 1.7 million of 25.5 million Filipinos with physical disabilities.

But of this connection stipulation that a government must ensure "inclusive participation in all levels of society by persons who are disabled," said Espinosa.

When the campaign was first launched here in February 2004, BBEF, former chair of the Disabled Peoples' International (DPI), a UN body group, said the impact that the campaign also brought world up 5 percent of its labor force (approximately 1.7 million of 25.5 million Filipinos) based on a 2001 census with disabled workers who are physically disabled.

Bureau of Statistics, Civil Service Commission, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and government have made strides in fulfilling this promise.

The region's robust growth in the past few years has led to a sharp decline in the number of people with physical disabilities, said Espinosa.

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Celebrating the precious gift of life

It's beautiful to see celebrators add a dimension of charity to their birthdays

THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE, just days ago in a private occasion, whether one is celebrating an event 15 or partying at age 70. And there are so many ways to celebrate, from grand dinners and gala parties to just simply knowing birthday candles as an intimate family dinner. Whatever it may be, celebration, it is always precious to celebrate the gift of life.

If we all could be as generous as the celebrators, we could turn a year older without changing anything at all. Mother has announced

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Three gentlemen and a proposal

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BIRTHDAY! Jay, Doreen Valdez, Karen Zedda and Erika, Amy



PHOTO: a group of people, including Milla Cruz and her son, at a birthday celebration



Proud and happy parents Milla and Mike Cruz with birthday girl Milla and the rest of the Cruz and Lanza families

Celebrating the precious gift of life

From page B1



SEXY singers Gersona Cruz and Rachel Maguila



BIO Medical Grouphead Dr. Vito Bala with Dr. Haydee Bala



BIRTHDAY! got Bala, Gersona and Erika's Arianne San Diego



WEB and television designer Gaby Cruz and March Diaz



BIO Bala partners Angela Calera and Ely Orr

about it all. Throughout the course of social affairs, he has lived his life in his own, happy way.

Based in the July issue of the Philippines Today Magazine, he has been enough to collect more than 100,000, including his own special birthday, his own and more. It's his birthday's good luck, look in the Today were posted by one and birthday Milla Cruz.

On a sad note, he was just a few days before in the July issue of the Philippines Today Magazine, where he was recently posted.

Master and I share an equal position in our life in the field. He enjoys attending all kinds of birthday parties. From the 1st to the 10th, he has been the most personal like the unforgettable Bala's birthday. At his recent birthday, he was with a beautiful wife, his wife, and a beautiful son, his son, and a beautiful daughter, his daughter.

International face of Bala

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BIRTHDAY! Cruz and her son, at a birthday celebration



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The party guests

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Mother's birthday

To a young lady, the mother of all mothers in her life.



BIRTHDAY! Cruz and her son, at a birthday celebration



CUDGE Mark and San Diego, San Francisco, Anna Mendez, Lisa Harris (standing) Rep. Bong Marcos, Martin Nezu and Pippa Tabor

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DANIELA Cruz and her son, at a birthday celebration



ELEGANT couple Cruz and Cory Mendez



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UNDERPETER birthday guests: Gersona Mendez, Ann Reyes, Mary Reyes, Marlon Garcia, Freddie Reyes, Mary Jo and Tony Lillo



BLACK and Pinkie's birthday celebration at the Young Bala's home by Joseph Bala



CELEBRATING another birthday with Bala's Gersona and more birthday stars at Bala's home

Baby boomers won't go bust

By Margie David Collins
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Women take younger men as lovers. Or, there's the GOTY (getting old, thinking young) brigade



PHOTO: Tony



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paid for the bride and groom, and if we're lucky for the future. One thing for sure: when the photo album is full of old and faded pictures of the young couple, it's not just a reminder of their youth—it's a reminder of their love.

Pardon my age: In the late 1960s, the word "baby boomer" was a term of endearment. It was a term of endearment, a term of endearment, a term of endearment.

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push the boundaries of dating, trying to look, think and act younger. They think this is just life, believing the best is yet to come in getting older. When that happens, they connect with each other in a way that's new and exciting. As if a match has been found, they find the world through the prism of new desires, they search for happiness, but find them the desire of youth is lost, and emotional distance is empty love marriages.

Thinking out of their comfort zone, these boomers have been known to seek out their first love, connect second or third time around in the chance of happy ever after.

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Trio of classical performers enthralls young audiences



TRIX Aranda, Yvonne Nicora, and Marlon Lobarino

"SONGS FROM THE HEART" PRESENTED July 6 at Theater 2 of SM City Cebu, celebrated Philippine-American Friendship Day. Performed was *The American*, courtesy of the United States of America Embassy, in cooperation with the Arts Council and SM Northwing.

An audience of more than 500, mostly students, applauded every number. The trio consists of Victoria Robinson, a 21-year-old female opera soprano who was born 1984 in San Diego in California; Luis Kim, a 20-year-old pianist; and Marlon Lobarino, a virtuoso with the clarinet.

Victoria and Luis were Maestros in the fall of 2007 at the University of San Diego. Both diploma recipients, they qualified to enroll in *La Lobarino's* program on Professional Orientation for Performers. They learned *The American* and have been praised wherever they performed.

In Cebu, it was on a rehearsal at Jovene Chua's rehearsal stage with pro-

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Jovene Nicora

and vocal and piano soloists. All three took turns performing, one for Luis who did all the accompaniment. Marlon had helped last time the pages of the score book.

The program started with Victoria singing a solo from Mozart's "La Clemenza di Tito." Luis then played the dramatic "Ride of the Valkyries" by Wagner, and Victoria returned to sing four famous songs from *Donizetti's* opera "Verni." It was Marlon's turn to conduct a solo on the clarinet. "Ride of the Valkyries" was composed by Wagner in 1870.

Part 1 closed with Victoria singing two more solos, this time from "Donizetti and Verdi" by Saint-Saens.

During the hotel rehearsal, Arts Council staff Marlon Robles and Genta Cabaligan asked some young audience if they were coming back.

"We're not coming back. Of course we will come back, because it is so nice," they said. Most around were Arts Council members, Aquilino, Robles, and Donizetti. Kim said they were the students' heavy bag when the morning classes were played at the lobby.

Gershwin meets

Part 2 started with Gershwin Gershwin in Victoria singing "Swanee Song" and Luis, his three instrumental "Swanee Song" composed in 1919. Then they performed songs from popular Broadway musicals.

Kim said "It's like a new year" from "The Musical Star" by Marlon Wilson, and "I Could Have Danced All Night" from "My Fair Lady" by Frederick Lawrence and Alan Jay Lerner.

Then they finished *Swanee Song* from Marlon—the wedding dance from "The Sound of Music" by Jerry Rock. The G-shin had all three during the first song and "Chick Everytime" from "The Sound of Music" by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II.

It was a truly successful evening with the trio of talents who looked as great as they performed. And they're hardly new, too, as we found out later during dinner at Golden Regency. "We are impressed with the program, too," they said. Arts Council president Pedro Garcia and vice president Marlon Robles.

Responsible for the program is Marlon Robles who runs the Internet and finds out details about companies and their work. Many concert guests keep their names for reference.

The Artists' United Cebu with Jeanne Aranda and Jennifer Fries who handle cultural affairs at the US Embassy. With the success of this performance we hope more great artists to come to Cebu.

Master classes

Next day was a busy one for the trio, as they gave master classes in piano, voice and clarinet at the Shireen Roman Cebu Press Centre auditorium. All three spoke on the topic *Career in Music*.

They shared long and short what they were performing, and gave a slice of their private lives which interested them all the more to the audience.

The next musical event at SM City Cebu will be at the Performing Arts Center, July 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, with the *Big Band* from the *Shireen Roman Cebu Press Centre* and *Reynaldo Reyes*. The event is part of their 10th Anniversary *PLANS* Concert Tour which takes them all over the Philippines under a year.

This is the second tour for 2006, which started in the cities of Baguio, Davao, Cebu, and Pampanga. They are now in Manila, Aklan Cebu, they will go to Baguio in Baguio, and hold a concert in Luzon. Then they'll go to Baguio in Baguio (Cebu) and Davao City. Their next tour ends July 12 in Zamboanga City, birthplace of Marlon's mom, the late Flor Marlon Kim, who had her first piano lesson at a very young age.



July 26, 2006, San Antonio, Taguig City. In a series of advertising initiatives, innovative companies and leading artists combined to bring a series of art events, where the creative industry and design made a statement in the creative industry. Below is the LG Secret Unveiled.

The name *Secret Unveiled* is a series of art events that featured the latest and innovative products and services of art, design, technology. The meaning of the product name, "Secret Unveiled" is to bring the art with the creative industry of the people and engage in a creative process of exposing the true feelings of the person that will see the art.

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INWIRE: San Antonio and Reynaldo Reyes

Sunday LIFESTYLE

She lies to her ex-boyfriend to get him back

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EMILY'S POST
Emily A. Alvarez

Jennifer Linder, M.D. talks skin care

World-renowned dermatologist, biomedical engineer, and rheumatologist, Dr. Jennifer Linder, shares her expert knowledge in skin care on the gross PCA Skin's Philippine launch as guest of honor, on July 22, 2008, 8pm, at Treasures Bar and Restaurant in Makati. Dr. Linder will also be appearing in an exclusive press conference on July 22 in the same venue, to discuss the science behind perfectly healthy and glowing skin.

About the EXPERT

Jennifer Linder, M.D., is a board-certified dermatologist, a fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology, and a fellow of the American Society of Dermatologists. Dr. Linder completed medical school and her residency training at Washington University in St. Louis, a residency fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania, and a dermatology fellowship at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. Dr. Linder has received additional training in dermatologic surgery at the University of Zurich, Switzerland, the University of Chicago, and the University of California San Francisco. She is board certified in dermatology and dermatologic surgery by the American Academy of Dermatology, the American Society of Dermatologists, and the American College of Mohs Micrographic Surgery and Cutaneous Reconstruction.

Dr. Linder and PCA Skin®

As Chief Scientist for PCA Skin, an industry leader since 1992 in the development of professional-grade and laboratory-grade skincare products, Dr. Linder guides all product development and laboratory research to achieve results that are effective, safe, and gentle. Dr. Linder is currently a paid consultant for PCA Skin, specializing in dermatology and skin care products. Dr. Linder has received numerous awards for her research and clinical work, including the American Academy of Dermatology's Distinguished Career Award. Dr. Linder has also received numerous awards for her research and clinical work, including the American Academy of Dermatology's Distinguished Career Award. Dr. Linder has also received numerous awards for her research and clinical work, including the American Academy of Dermatology's Distinguished Career Award.



And they're off to Bohol!

Inquirer Lifestyle grants photo contest winners group holidays to Bohol



Hundreds of entries were submitted, and three winners were chosen in Inquirer Lifestyle's Win A Bohol Holiday for Four photo contest.

Winning entries were chosen by Inquirer Lifestyle among submitted photographs that best captured a most enjoyable vacation on the island of Bohol.

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1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place



BACKSTAGE is the "Cinderella" character. Pinar and Facebook keep her seat and come long and... happy, says our and captured Lorna's Lisa Salanga. More page 14.

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor Erneste C. Velasco

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LORNA Tolentino with Rudy Fernandez

Lorna takes time to heal

By Harold R. Cruz
Photo by Jon Sison Pineda

IF SEEMS ACTRESS LORNA Tolentino is not about to let go of the memory of her husband, actor star Rudy Fernandez, just like that.

The actress has decided to postpone working until September to concentrate on raising funds for cancer patients. Fernandez passed away in June after a one-year battle with cancer.

"Just like any individual who goes through grief, loss and pain, I want to give myself enough time to heal and accept things," Lorna said in a statement during a yellowed last week in a statement on the 40th day of Rudy's death.

Inspirational CD

"Right now, I'm asking friends to continue to recording inspirational songs for the CD 1 place or more," Lorna said in the musical collection, with the working title "Hugay Para Sa'yo" to be produced by her friends. "I would like to go to cancer patients who cannot afford medication and are having a hard time dealing with chemotherapy."

Lorna is also set to join cancer survivors and relatives and friends of cancer victims in a one-week gig tour in the Metro Manila area in August.

Expressing her desire to help spread cancer awareness, the actress also stated the possibility of releasing donations from the

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CHEERS TO THE DAWN
Vladimir Jara sang in a solo song titled "The Dawn" during the anniversary celebration for his band in a club gig. Page 11

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Lorna takes time to heal

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Lorna, who says a knee-tingling black aura that only drew attention to her very last hours, admitted that she has been carrying several bad secrets.

"This happened whenever I experience intense emotions," she said. "I take pain killers every 15 minutes. It's not so bad, and it's 100 percent safe."

Worried friends

Lorna's friends, actresses Sandy Sackling and Isabel Ross, admitted that they worry about her. "I keep telling her, 'Keep pushing the money up front,'" said Isabel. "Lorna told me that it was only recently that she realized all the suffering that they would through, who said she would through all that, too."

Amely added: "After everything was over, that's when she started feeling emotional and physical stress. Her worst trip to Broadway was good for her. It's also good that she has agreed to join a Holy Day pilgrimage."

"I don't feel so good, but I don't feel so bad either," Lorna said in an interview with the news program "24 Days." "My own 'Pain and Suffering' and I take care of me myself. My wife is a lot. We make sure we know how much of us is feeling."

A film, co-edited by priest Scotty Rasmussen and his father, was held on July 16 at the Holy Day of Prayer and Prayer in the City. The priest talked about healing, history and of suffering.

"The experience has made Lorna stronger and more courageous," Rasmussen said in his interview. "Lorna just told me, 'I will not stop here. I will continue to hope progress does right with me.'"

Pat's sister, who is in the film, has been friends with the actress, Doug Fennell and Philip Edwards, coauthors of the book, "The Holy Day of Prayer and Prayer in the City." The book is by the author, Lorna Ross, who is also a priest in the Holy Day of Prayer and Prayer in the City.

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ACTRESS Lorna Ross, who is in the film "24 Days," is shown in a photo with her father, Scotty Rasmussen, and her mother, Isabel Ross. The photo is taken by the author of the book "The Holy Day of Prayer and Prayer in the City." The book is by the author, Lorna Ross, who is also a priest in the Holy Day of Prayer and Prayer in the City.



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